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One difference between this year's series of daily devotions and the one I did three years ago is that I write out each day's devotion. This is more work, but it keeps me honest. It also helps me to be able to do a more in-depth study for my devotions. I thought I'd share my devotion for June 29. I chose the New Testament reading from Acts 19:13-41 (especially verses 13-20) Here it is:

In Ephesus, Paul had great success. Paul was able to speak in the synagogue for three months. This already seems better than average. After experiencing diminishing returns for his efforts, Paul relocated to the Hall of Tyrannus. We really don't know who Tyrannus was, or even whether Paul rented this space, or if it was donated or even if it was a customary spot for public teaching. Looking at a few early texts of Acts, they include the note that Paul taught there daily from 11:00 to 4:00. If this is the case, Paul took advantage of the hottest part of the day. (We're sure experiencing that now, as summer is upon us in Nebraska!) During this time people would be looking to rest and to cool off, and this hall might have been a perfect place to do that! Paul certainly made the most of what he had available to him. Plus, Paul could have supported himself by working as a tentmaker in the mornings. It seems like an ideal arrangement, and Paul was able to prolong his ministry there for two years. The result of his daily ministry was that everyone in Asia Minor heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. Furthermore, people were apparently using handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched Paul's skin as a sort of tool to bring about healing and the casting out of evil spirits.

So, all things considered, the nearly three years Paul spent in Ephesus was a highlight of his missionary efforts, but with success comes unique challenges. One of these challenges is the misunderstanding that many of the people had as they mistook Paul's miracles for some form of magic. (Perhaps the use of aprons and handkerchiefs borders on this misunderstanding.) Magic typically involved trying to manipulate the "gods" with complicated rituals, spells, reciting various names or even nonsense syllables. Often, such magic was done secretly and with profit in mind. Over and against this, tendency toward magical practices, Luke tries to get his readers, in Acts, to reject magic and to trust in the power of God and God's Word. In other words, Christianity is not just some popular fad. It is not a religion to be manipulated for one's own purposes. Much less is it something to "dabble in", without regard for the holiness of God and the holiness that he expects from us and a healthy "fear of the LORD." (That is, apart from faith!)

The seven sons of Sceva are the perfect example of Luke's message against magic and concerning the power of God's Word. The real power in Paul's ministry wasn't some magic spell that he spoke. It was the power of God that is revealed in God's holy Word. And this power is seen as God's Spirit-imbued Word changes lives. It changes the world by transforming one heart at a time, and then another heart, and another. Although Christianity has the power to transform culture and even the existing power structures in the world, the most significant thing is how it changes one person after another.

So, Luke, in Acts, is not interested in miracles for their own sake or for their entertainment value. Instead, miracles simply serve the purpose that God's Word can produce in each of us, bringing us to repentance and bringing us to trust in the atoning life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. This faith also happens to bring wholeness to our lives, and it certainly changes our values and worldview, but most of all, we learn not to trust in our own abilities to earn salvation or influence God. Rather, we trust in God's amazing grace and in the way that He takes the initiative to work in our lives in ways that

are big and small, extraordinary and at the same time, comfortingly routine. God doesn't have to break the laws of nature or the laws of physics in order to work the wonder in us of bringing us to faith and keeping us in faith, so that we are able to daily grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I thank God for the opportunity to daily minister to God's people as I trust in God's mercy and grace towards me, a forgiven sinner. This is the sure ground on which God grows His church, now, as he did in the book of Acts!

Here are the upcoming readings for July! You'll notice that we're beginning to reread the book of Psalms, now that we are at the halfway point of 2024!

- **July 1: 2 Kings 18:13-19:37; Acts 21:1-17; Psalm 149:1-9; Proverbs 18:8.**
- **July 2: 2 Kings 20:1-22:2; Acts 21:18-36; Psalm 150:1-6; Proverbs 18:9-10.**
- **July 3: 2 Kings 22:3-23:30; Acts 21:37-22:16; Psalm 1:1-6; Proverbs 18:11-12.**
- **July 4: 2 Kings 23:31-25:30; Acts 22:17-23:10; Psalm 2:1-12; Proverbs 18:13.**
- **July 5: 1 Chronicles 1:1-2:17; Acts 23:11-35; Psalm 3:1-8; Proverbs 18:14-15.**
- **July 6: 1 Chronicles 2:18-4:4; Acts 24:1-27; Psalm 4:1-8; Proverbs 18:16-18.**
- **July 7: 1 Chronicles 4:5-5:17; Acts 25:1-27; Psalm 5:1-12; Proverbs 18:19.**
- **July 8: 1 Chronicles 5:18-6:81; Acts 26:1-32; Psalm 6:1-10; Proverbs 18:20-21.**
- **July 9: 1 Chronicles 7:1-8:40; Acts 27:1-20; Psalm 7:1-17; Proverbs 18:22.**
- **July 10: 1 Chronicles 9:1-10:14; Acts 27:21-44; Psalm 8:1-9; Proverbs 18:23-24.**
- **July 11: 1 Chronicles 11:1-12:18; Acts 28:1-31; Psalm 9:1-12; Proverbs 19:1-3.**
- **July 12: 1 Chronicles 12:19-14:17; Romans 1:1-17; Psalm 9:13-20; Proverbs 19:4-5.**
- **July 13: 1 Chronicles 15:1-16:36; Romans 1:18-32; Psalm 10:1-15; Proverbs 19:6-7.**
- **July 14: 1 Chronicles 16:37-18:17; Romans 2:1-24; Psalm 10:16-18; Proverbs 19:8-9.**
- **July 15: 1 Chronicles 19:1-21:30; Romans 2:25-3:8; Psalm 11:1-7; Proverbs 19:10-12.**
- **July 16: 1 Chronicles 22:1-23:32; Romans 3:9-31; Psalm 12:1-8; Proverbs 19:13-14.**
- **July 17: 1 Chronicles 24:1-26:11; Romans 4:1-12; Psalm 13:1-6; Proverbs 19:15-16.**
- **July 18: 1 Chronicles 26:12-27:34; Romans 4:13-5:5; Psalm 14:1-7; Proverbs 19:17.**
- **July 19: 1 Chronicles 28:1-29:30; Romans 5:6-21; Psalm 15:1-5; Proverbs 19:18-19.**
- **July 20: 2 Chronicles 1:1-3:17; Romans 6:1-23; Psalm 16:1-11; Proverbs 19:20-21.**
- **July 21: 2 Chronicles 4:1-6:11; Romans 7:1-13; Psalm 17:1-15; Proverbs 19:22-23.**
- **July 22: 2 Chronicles 6:12-8:10; Romans 7:14-8:8; Psalm 18:1-15; Proverbs 19:24-25.**
- **July 23: 2 Chronicles 8:11-10:19; Romans 8:9-25; Psalm 18:16-36; Proverbs 19:26.**
- **July 24: 2 Chronicles 11:1-13:22; Romans 8:26-39; Psalm 18:37-50; Proverbs 19:27-29.**
- **July 25: 2 Chronicles 14:1-16:14; Romans 9:1-24; Psalm 19:1-14; Proverbs 20:1.**
- **July 26: 2 Chronicles 17:1-18:34; Romans 9:25-10:13; Psalm 20:1-9; Proverbs 20:2-3.**
- **July 27: 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37; Romans 10:14-11:12; Psalm 21:1-13; Proverbs 20:4-6.**
- **July 28: 2 Chronicles 21:1-23:21; Romans 11:13-36; Psalm 22:1-18; Proverbs 20:7.**
- **July 29: 2 Chronicles 24:1-25:28; Romans 12:1-21; Psalm 22:19-31; Proverbs 20:8-10.**
- **July 30: 2 Chronicles 26:1-28:27; Romans 13:1-14; Psalm 23:1-6; Proverbs 20:11.**
- **July 31: 2 Chronicles 29:1-36; Romans 14:1-23; Psalm 24:1-10; Proverbs 20:12.**

In Christ's love,
Rev. Daryn Bahn

8:00am-5:00pm,
Monday thru Thursday, and
Saturday.

The office may be closed on
occasion, so please call ahead.



Pastor Bahn's office hours will typically include but are not limited to from 10am to 12pm Tues.-Fri. Whether working in his church office, at the study in the parsonage, or out in the community, Pastor Bahn is always available and looks forward to the blessing of your company! Please call or text him at 715-305-8667 any time to get together or just to talk!
Thanks!



Every Sunday

8:00am - on KWBE 1450AM
9:00am - Divine Service



ADULT BIBLE CLASS



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class do not meet during the summer.

Classes will resume September 8th.

Plan now to join us as we take an in-depth look at
God's Word together as a congregation.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

Third Quarter Voters' Meeting
Sunday, August 18, 2024

Voters' Meeting at 10:15am in the church sanctuary.

Plan now to attend.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

July Birthdays & Anniversaries – 2024

Happy Birthday to...

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Tara Dunker
Alexa Eckhoff | 11 Angie Fossler
Miles Norris | Larry Huls
Timothy Johnsen |
| 2 Kelsie (Melia) Blythe
Brooklyn Duff
Larry Workman | 12 Victoria Frerking
Clayton Schwisow | Carol Lohse
Mitchell Trout |
| 3 Darin Smith
Brandt Wollenburg | 14 Donna Huls
Lucas Noojin | 24 Clair Duensing
Carla Walters |
| 4 Patricia Clausen | 15 Keysha Wolf | 25 Keith Buhr
Randy Norris |
| 5 Ronald Buss
Michelle Junker
Patricia Sunderland | 16 Penny Shaffer | Robert Pfingsten |
| 6 Brian May
Chip Oden
Verda Riekenberg
Brandon Thomas | 17 Bentley Poling | 26 Lloyd VanLaningham |
| 7 Dale Adam
Debra Houseman | 18 Anthony May
Dillon Siebe | 27 Steven Scheideler
Naomi Schroeder |
| 9 Marilyn Hammond
Asher Landon | 19 Sophia Eisele
Tracie Fossler
William Heard
Rebecca Jobman | 28 Walley Boerger
Doris Lueders |
| 10 Cassidy Thavenet | 21 Kathy Smith | 30 Cody Brown
Ashley Mentgen-Duff
Dave Oltmans |
| | 22 Brian Rix
Neely Shaffer | 31 Verjean Noojin |
| | 23 Carson Elstum
Deneta Hahn | |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 1 Ryan & Peggy Loseman, 36 yrs.
Brent & Shari Pack, 35 yrs. | 14 Ronald & Rebecca Jobman, 50 yrs.
Donald & Carolyn Junker, 56 yrs. |
| 2 George & Felicia Blythe, 34 yrs. | 22 Dale & Jonetta Hagemeyer, 29 yrs. |
| 5 Richard & Lynette Hartman, 28 yrs. | 26 LaVerne & Tanya Malchow, 49 yrs.
Randy & Laura-Leigh Norris, 15 yrs. |
| 8 Todd & Elizabeth Lineweber, 24 yrs.
Larry & Geri Smith, 54 yrs. | |

If your information is missing or incorrect, please contact Kelly in the church office as work continues in order to keep our records up to date. We apologize for any errors.

*Visit our website for the latest updates at
www.stpaulbeatrice.org*



The Rewards of Godliness

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5-6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Eph. 6:1-3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28-29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



July School News

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” Psalm 56:3

In June we enjoyed a week of Vacation Bible School fun as we traveled to “Camp Firelight” and learned to put our trust in Jesus at all times. Our learning was based on Psalm 56:3 and we also studied the Bible stories of Jacob’s Dream, Ruth, Jesus in the Temple, and Jesus Calming the Storm. Some pictures from VBS can be found below. We celebrated a great week at VBS with a swim party on Friday evening, June 28th at the Beatrice Water Park.

Information concerning registration days for the 2024-2025 school year will be mailed in July. Registration days for students in Kindergarten through Fifth grade will be held on July 31st from 2:00-5:00 p.m., and on August 1st from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Preschool registration and open house will take place on August 13th from 4:00-7:00 p.m., and Prekindergarten open house will take place on August 12th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

The first day of school is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th for Kindergarten through Fifth grade. It will be a half day, from 8:15-11:45, beginning with our opening chapel service at 8:30. Preschool will begin on Thursday, August 15th, and Prekindergarten will begin on Friday, August 16th, both at their regularly scheduled times.

Praying that you are enjoying a blessed summer,

Amy Duever
Principal



July at St. Paul's Lutheran School:



SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: The school office will be open from 8:30am to 11:30am Monday through Thursday. It will be closed occasionally, so please call ahead!

OUR FAMILY AND BEST CHOICE UPC CODES: Please save the labels from all Our Family and Best Choice products and bring them to school or church. We need the UPC codes from them. We receive \$25.00 for each group of 500 Our Family UPC codes we send in. We receive \$30.00 for each group of 1,000 Best Choice UPS codes we send in. So please bring all your Our Family and Best Choice labels to school or church. They are Valuable!

SCRIP CARDS: Giving gift cards anytime this year? Order your gift cards through our St. Paul's Lutheran School "Scrip Card" program and our school automatically gets money in return at no extra cost to you! Order forms are in the school office and on the school's website. Order forms with payment can be turned into the church or school office.



Radio Broadcasts, Bulletin, & Quarterly Children's Bulletin Sponsorships

are currently being scheduled for 2024.

There are currently many dates available to choose from for 2024.

You can sponsor them in honor, memory, or recognition of someone.

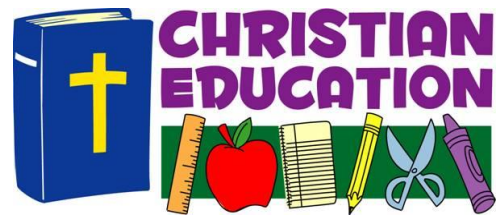
Radio sponsorship cost \$100, bulletin sponsorship cost \$25 and children's bulletin sponsorship costs \$25.

Due to the increase cost of paper, the cost of the bulletin sponsorships for 2024 has increased \$5.

Please call Kelly in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a date or quarter.

PIONEER FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM:

Wanting Classroom Grandmas and Grandpas! Are you, or someone you know, 55 years of age or older AND would like to volunteer to help a child? Join Americorps Senior Foster Grandparent Program today! This program is a mentoring opportunity that pairs people ages fifty-five & older with children who have special/exceptional needs or falling behind in a skill. The volunteers provide one-on-one attention to children in the following areas of development: reading, math, social and motor skills, and independence. Some activities include reading, color/number recognition, and puzzles. Grandparents are placed at volunteer sites such as schools, preschool programs, Head Start centers, day care centers, youth programs and State facilities. Requirements: 55 years of age or older, ability to volunteer hours per week, and must be in good general health. Benefits of the program: Earn a tax-free hourly stipend, paid personal leave time, paid holidays, mileage reimbursement, meal provided while volunteering, ongoing education & training, meet new friends, make a difference in the life of a child, and make a difference in your community. For more information, contact 402-223-6036/1-800-540-8981. Or inquire in person at Blue Valley: 2015 N. 6th Street, Suite E, Beatrice, NE.



Do You Have Some Free Time or A Willingness to Serve?

St. Paul's is always looking for volunteers to serve on the various Boards, to help the Trustees with various cleanup activities throughout the year, to volunteer at Vacation Bible School in the summer, to help with funeral dinners, greeters, communion preparation, to teach Sunday School, or to help in some other way. Volunteers are such an important part of St. Paul's! It is time to start thinking about being on the ballot for 2025. Contact the church office if you would like to serve on a committee or know of someone who you would like to nominate. Anyone who is nominated will be contacted by the nominating committee prior to their name being placed on the ballot.



Car Wash Tickets:

The LYF are selling Super Wash car wash tokens – 5 for \$20!! They are available in the church office.



St. Paul's Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. Meetings are held at the school from 5-7pm. Youth plan now to join us at our next meeting for an activity, food, and a Bible Study. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Questions you may contact Amy Duever 785-614-3393 or Joanna Gellermann-Long 425-591-5318.



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<https://subsplash.com/st-pauls-lutheran-chur/app>



On the app you'll have access to Scripture, Events, Messaging for various church groups, Media, Live Streams, other content, sermon notes, important notifications, etc. Special note: now, for online giving, you can simply do that through the app, once you get your account set up. If you have any questions, please contact pastor or Kelly. (Powered by Subsplash)



St. Paul's Scramble

St. Paul's Lutheran School has been providing Christ-centered education to children in the Beatrice community for over 100 years. Each year, families request scholarships to allow them to send their children to our school when they are unable to afford tuition. All proceeds from this golf tournament are used solely to provide scholarships to these families. Your sponsorship will directly benefit these students and help to provide them with a Christian education!



The Seventh Annual St. Paul's Scramble Golf Tournament will be held Friday, August 2nd with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Please consider one of the following ways to support our community and help a child grow in faith while they grow in their learning!

Golf Outing Details:

When: August 2, 2024

Where: Beatrice Country Club

Entry Fees: \$400/foursome

We will be hosting a four-person scramble. Your entry fee also includes lunch, carts, driving range access, and pin prizes on every hole!



Sponsorship Details



Platinum Sponsor: \$1,500

- Includes a golf team entry
- Sponsor Logo placed on our school van for the next year
- Large banner with business logo displayed at the tournament, by the sign in table

Event Sponsors: \$750

- Includes a golf team entry
- Large banner with business logo displayed at the tournament, by the sign in table
- Sponsors announced during prize ceremony

Hole Sponsors: \$150

- Banner with your logo will be displayed by the hole you sponsor

Flag Sponsors: \$75

- Provide a prize or a gift certificate to be used as a flag prize (Or \$75 for a prize to be purchased)
- Your business name will be listed on the flag prize sheet and announced during the prize ceremony



Sponsorship Sign-up

Business Name: _____

Our business would like to support your efforts at St. Paul's Lutheran School. We would like to become a(n):

_____ 1.) Platinum Sponsor - \$1,500 – Our business receives a golf team entry, our logo displayed on the school van for the next year, and a large banner with the business logo displayed at the tournament.

_____ 2.) Event Sponsor - \$750 - Our business receives a golf team entry and a large banner at the golf course.

_____ 3.) Hole Sponsor - \$150 - Our business receives recognition on a banner by the tee box of the hole we sponsor.

_____ 4.) Flag Sponsor - Our business will provide the following item for a flag prize, (or \$75 for a prize to be purchased) and receive recognition on the flag prize sheet and during the prize ceremony.

Prize: _____

_____ The item is enclosed with this letter.

_____ We would like someone to come and pick up the item. Please contact us at the following number to arrange a pick-up time.

Phone # _____

_____ We will bring the item to the school by Friday, July 26, 2024.

Checks may be made payable to **St. Paul's Lutheran School** and mailed to **930 Prairie Lane, Beatrice 68310**. **Please return form and payment by Monday, July 15th**. If you have any questions about your sponsorship or the tournament, please contact Amy Duever (785) 614-3393.

You may send the specific logo you want used for promotional purposes to aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org. Jpeg files work best for us. Thank you, in advance, for your generous support! It is truly a blessing to our school.



ST. PAUL SCRAMBLE

Friday, August 2nd @ Beatrice Country Club

9:00a.m. Shotgun Start

12:30 p.m. Meal

1:00 p.m. Awards

**Registration
Fee includes**

**Cart
Range**



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**Registration
\$400**

Green Fees

Meal



**Pin Prizes
on
Every Hole!**

All Proceeds will go to
our scholarship fund to
help provide a Christ-Centered
Education for our
community's children .

August 2, 2024

Tournament Registration Form:

Team Captain: _____

Phone # _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran School
930 Prairie Lane Beatrice, NE 68310

Questions, please contact Amy Duever 785-614-3393

Registration fee is tax deductible as we are a 501c3

Blessings of the Harvest

First Annual Dinner and Auction



at the Vintage Venue
Saturday, November 23, 2024

Doors open at 4:30 P.M. with dinner served at 6:00 P.M

\$100 per ticket.

(Fifty dollars of each ticket is considered a tax-deductible contribution.)

Tickets are available in the church office.

Watch the bulletin & newsletter for more information as it becomes available.